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FOLLOWING REPEAT BRUSSELS 10080 ACTION SECSTATE INFO USNATO
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QUOTE S E C R E T BRUSSELS 10080

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY - STATEMENT

REF: STATE 131755

1. ONCE WE LOCATED REFS CITED REFTTEL WITH USNATO'S
ASSISTANCE WE MADE DEMARCHE REQUESTED TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S CHIEF OF NATO AFFAIRS, ERIK BAL, ON MAY 24.

2. BAL TOLD US THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NOT YET
RECEIVED REPORT OF VEST - VAN CAUWENBERG TELECON
EMPHASIZING HIGHEST LEVEL U.S. INTEREST IN DOCUMENT.

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HE THANKED US FOR BRINGING THAT TO HIS ATTENTION.

3. BAL TOLD US THAT USG COULD COUNT ON THE BELGIANS
TO PLAY A "CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE". HE SAID THAT THE GOB
HAD NOT YET FINISHED ITS FINAL REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC
DOCUMENT ON THE EAST-WEST STUDY. PRESENT BELGIAN
THINKING ON THE PUBLIC DOCUMENT, ACCORDING TO BAL, IS

THAT IT CONTAINS CERTAIN (UNSPECIFIED) WEAKNESSES
AND THAT CARE WILL HAVE TO BE EXERCISED NOT TO WHET
THE PUBLIC'S APPETITE FOR ACCESS TO THE EAST-WEST
STUDY BY MEANS OF THE PUBLIC STATEMENT. BAL REITERATED
THAT THE BELGIANS WOULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

4. BAL TOLD US THAT HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED A CERTAIN
AMOUNT OF SOVIET "PRESSURE" ON THE EAST-WEST STUDY
AND HAD REACTED APPROPRIATELY. DE TARR.
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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